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SUMMARY - U.S. ARCHIPELAGO TEAM MEMBERS BRIEFED
NZ DELEGATION ON U.S. ARCHIPELAGO INITIATIVE AND NEGOTIATIONS
ON JULY 19. AT END OF BRIEF DISCUSSION, NEW ZEALAND
DELEGATION STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE WHICH GONZ PLACES ON
THE NECESSITY FOR ISOLATED AND LIGHTLY-INHABITED ISLANDS
TO HAVE FULL BENEFITS OF ECONOMIC ZONE. END SUMMARY

1. U.S. ARCHIPELAGO TEAM MEMBERS PROFESSOR JOHN NORTON
MOORE, REAR ADMIRAL MAX MORRIS AND DR. ROBERT D. HODGSON MET
WITH NEW ZEALAND DELEGATES AMBASSADOR M. J. G.

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TEMPLETON, MR. C. D. BEEBY AND CAPT. D. H. O'DONOGHUE

TO DISCUSS THE ON GOING U.S. ARCHIPELAGO INITIATIVE AND NEGOTIATIONS. MOORE OUTLINED THE THREE ELEMENTS OF U.S. PROPOSAL INCLUDING DEFINITIONAL PARAMETERS, TRANSIT REGIME AND REQUIREMENTS FOR ARCHIPELAGO STATE TO SUPPORT UNIMPEDED TRANSIT OF INTERNATIONAL STRAITS. STRESSING THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF THE U.S. INITIATIVE AND THE NEED FOR EARLY AGREEMENT, MOORE ELABORATED ON THE TRENDS AND DETAILS OF VARIOUS NEGOTIATIONS WITH INDONESIA, THE PHILIPPINES, FIJI, MAURITIUS, PAPUA NEW GUINEA (AUSTRALIA) AND THE BAHAMAS. ALSO NOTED WERE U.S. TALKS WITH MAJOR MARITIME STATES INCLUDING UK, FRANCE, JAPAN, USSR, AUSTRALIA, WEST GERMANY AND CANADA. MOORE EMPHASIZED THE SUPPORT FOR THE GENERAL INITIATIVE. HE THEN PRESENTED THE NZ DELEGATION WITH A COPY OF THE LATEST U.S. DRAFT PAPER ON ARCHIPELAGOS.

2. DISCUSSIONS THEN CENTERED ON SPECIFIC DEFINITIONAL PARAMETERS AND THE REASONS FOR THE SELECTION OF DISTANCES AND LAND/WATER RATIOS. THE U.S. RATIONALE FOR THE RESTRICTION OF THE APPLICATION WERE OUTLINED BY HODGSON. NZ DELEGATES THEN REQUESTED SPECIFIC DATA ON THE WIDTH REQUIREMENTS OF SEALANES IN U.S. PROPOSAL. QUESTION INDICATED THAT NZ HAD HELD AT LEAST PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS WITH ONE OR MORE OF THE ARCHIPELAGO STATES SINCE NZ DELEGATION INDICATED KNOWLEDGE OF RESERVATIONS ON CORRIDOR WIDTH. MORRIS EXPLAINED IN DETAIL THE REQUIREMENTS OF NAVAL VESSELS TO HAVE SPACE WITHIN WHICH A WIDE SELECTION OF SPECIFIC ROUTE OPTIONS EXISTS TO INSURE SAFETY OF VESSELS THROUGH NORMAL TRANSIT MODE. NZ DELEGATION APPEARED TO UNDERSTAND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE U.S. TRANSIT OPTION BUT INDICATED THEY FELT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO GET 100 MILES AND 80 PER CENT.

3. NZ REPRESENTATIVES THEN TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENUNCIATE GONZ REQUIREMENT CONCERNING ISLANDS. THE NZ DELEGATION HAD NOTED THE MOVEMENT WITHIN THE LOS CONFERENCE TO DENY AN ECONOMIC ZONE BENEFIT TO ISOLATED AND LIGHTLY-POPULATED ISLANDS. THE NEW ZEALAND REPRESENTATIVE STRESSED THE CONFIDENTIAL

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UTMOST IMPORTANCE OF THE ISSUE TO NEW ZEALAND IN VIEW OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF ISLANDS OF THIS TYPE UNDER DIRECT NEW ZEALAND SOVEREIGNTY AS WELL AS IN THE TERRITORIES AND DEPENDENCIES FOR WHICH NEW ZEALAND IS RESPONSIBLE. THE GONZ DEEMS THE GRANTING OF AN ECONOMIC ZONE TO THESE ISLANDS TO BE OF GREATEST IMPORTANCE.

4. MOORE RESPONDED THAT THIS POSITION

IN FAVOR OF AN ECONOMIC ZONE FOR ISLANDS
WAS ALSO OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE TO MANY OF THE MARITIME
STATES INCLUDING FRANCE AND UK AND THAT
THESE STATES SUPPORT FOR THE ARCHIPELAGO INITIATIVE HAD
BEEN CONDITIONED ON ACCEPTANCE OF AN ECONOMIC
ZONE FOR ALL ISLANDS. FURTHERMORE, SUPPORT FOR
THE POSITION WAS INHERENT IN THE ARCHIPELAGO PRINCIPLE
AS WELL AS THE NEEDS OF MOST ARCHIPELAGIC STATES.
MOORE CAREFULLY SEPARATED THE ISLAND ISSUE FROM THE MORE
COMPLEX DELIMITATION PROBLEMS RAISED BY ISLANDS; THE NZ
DELEGATION APPEARED TO AGREE WITH THIS CONCERN.
THE MEETING WAS TERMINATED BY THE URGENT NEED FOR MEMBERS
OF THE U.S. AND NZ DELEGATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN
COMMITTEE II MEETING ON STRAITS WHICH HAD BEEN
RAISED AHEAD OF SCHEDULE. IT WAS AGREED, HOWEVER, THAT
THE TWO DELEGATIONS WOULD CONTINUE THEIR CONTACTS AND
TALKS TO PROMOTE THE NEGOTIATIONS. MOORE, ON DEPARTURE,
RETURNED TO THE IMPORTANCE OF THE QUESTION OF ISLANDS AND
THE ECONOMIC ZONE; THE NEED FOR A SATISFACTORY PASSAGE
REGIME IN ANY CONTEMPLATED ARCHIPELAGO CHAPTER; AND THE
VITAL IMPORTANCE OF NZ SUPPORT FOR THE CONTINUED U.S.
INITIATIVE ON THE ARCHIPELAGO QUESTION.

5. MAPS ILLUSTRATING THE EFFECTS OF CURRENT U.S.
PROPOSALS ON FIJI, INDONESIA AND THE PHILIPPINES WERE GIVEN TO
NZ DELEGATION FOR THEIR RETENTION.
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